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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, AG

SUBJ: ALGERIAN OIL SALES TO US

REFS: (A) ALGIERS 0613; (B) STATE 068182

1. FRENCH FINANCIAL ATTACHE CHECKED WITH EMBASSY ON REPORT THAT US COMPANIES WERE GOING TO STOP BUYING ALGERIAN CRUDE AS OF APRIL 1, 1975. EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION ON SUCH A MOVE WHICH WOULD BE DECIDED AT HEAD OFFICES OF OIL COMPANIES ON BASIS OF PRICE. ACCORDING TO PIW, ALGERIAN OIL STILL OVER-PRICED EVEN AT 11.75 A BARREL FOR SALE TO EUROPE. FRENCH INTERESTED BECAUSE THEY ARE SENDING THEIR ALGERIAN OIL TO US.

2. USING DEPT OCT AND NOV OIL IMPORT FIGURES AND PRESENT ALGERIAN OIL PRODUCTION OF 700,000 BARRELS A DAY, US IS ALGERIA'S SINGLE LARGEST CUSTOMER AMOUNTING TO 32 PERCENT OF ALGERIAN PRODUCTION. THUS, ANY LARGE CUT IN US PURCHASE OF ALGERIAN OIL WILL HAVE MAJOR REPERCUSSION IN ALGERIA.

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3. IF DEPT HAS ANY INFORMATION ON ABOVE RUMOR, IT
WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE IT. ALGERIANS ALREADY BELIEVE
THEMSELVES PRIME VICTIMS OF US PLOT TO CUT OIL PRICES
AND A SUDDEN AND SEEMINGLY CONCERTED DECISION NOT TO
BUY MORE ALGERIAN OIL WILL FURTHER UPSET ALGERIANS JUST
BEFORE PARIS PREPARATORY CONFERENCE.PARKER

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